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RE: **STATUS REQUEST --**

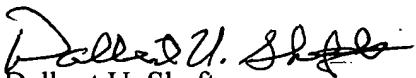
Tobinaga et al U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/666,581
Filed: September 18, 2003, For: APPLICATOR FOR APPLYING
FUNCTIONAL SUBSTANCES INTO HUMAN SKIN
(Our File: 27698.001)

Sir:

The above-noted application was filed almost one year ago, and to date, no Office Action has been received from the Patent Office in connection with this case.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests information regarding the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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